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Dear Ms Hesse:

As a business owner, suffering through a serious recession, I am writing to let you know that I support the Microsoft settlement. The business community I operate in has been suffering due to a weak economy. Too many jobs have been lost and scores of business owners have had to close down. A significant reason among others this is taking place is due to the troubled tech sector.

When the technology manster fell on difficult times, it passed on to other sectors and affected many people increased accompany that was in the forefront during the great economic expansion, also suffered because of this design and the lawsuit against them did not help at all. The settlement that has been reported in the news seems to be even and balanced; it builds new relations with software developers and creates a new, uniform price list.

I strongly believe that the troubled tech seets as well as our economy will better rebound because of this agreement.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Julie K. Hilton